

Rankings Policy

Australian Fencing Federation Limited ACN 161 544 752 (**AFF**)

1. Background

The Australian Fencing Federation Limited (**AFF**) is the National Sporting Organisation (**NSO**) for the Olympic Sport of Fencing.

This Rankings Policy (the **Policy**) governs the ranking of athletes in Australia.

2. Application

- 2.1 The Policy applies to all athletes.
- 2.2 This Policy was adopted by resolution of the AFF Board on XX XX 2020 and will be effective from XX XX 2020 and will operate until amended, repealed or replaced in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2.3 Other AFF policies may be necessary to read in connection with this Policy. AFF policies are published on the AFF's website: XXX

3. AFF Rankings List

- 3.1 The Board must ensure that, within one month of the completion of each AFC Event, an updated ranking list of athletes' in each affected age category is published on the AFF website. The ranking list may be prepared by the Board or such other persons as are authorised to do so by the Board.
- 3.2 The Board will ensure that AFF Age Ranking Lists are maintained for the following age categories:
 - (a) U15;
 - (b) Cadet;
 - (c) Junior;
 - (d) U23;
 - (e) Open;
 - (f) Veteran.
- 3.3 Points will be awarded for the competitions listed in Appendix A, on the basis set out therein.
- 3.4 The points are specific to each weapon, and cannot be combined.
- 3.5 The points are specific to each age category, and cannot be combined.
- 3.6 The points awarded for AFC Events and Oceania Events expire on a rolling basis immediately after the corresponding competition in the next calendar year, provided that:
 - (a) if any of the AFC Events is not held in a particular calendar year, then the points accrued for that competition in the previous calendar year will expire 12 months after the event was last held;

- (b) if any of the Oceania Events is not held in a particular calendar year (or if the corresponding event is held in Australia), then the points accrued in that event in the previous calendar year will expire 12 months after the event was last held (or immediately after the corresponding event is held in Australia).
- 3.7 The points awarded for the World Championships expire immediately after the next World Championships or Olympic Games (regardless of whether or not this occurs within the following 12 months). The points awarded for the Olympic Games expire immediately after the next World Championships (regardless of whether or not this occurs within the following 12 months).
- 3.8 Points awarded for all competitions other than AFC Events, Oceania Events, World Championships and Olympic Games expire on the earlier of:
- (a) the date which is 12 months after the competition; or
 - (b) if a corresponding competition is held within the next 12 months, immediately after that competition is held.
- 3.9 An **Age Point Aggregate** will be calculated for each athlete in each weapon in each age category, comprising the sum of the highest points earned in the competitions specified in 3.3, limited to:
- (a) for U15, Cadet, and Junior, four events;
 - (b) for U23 and Open, three events; and
 - (c) for Veteran, three events, provided that no more than two non-Veteran events can be included.
- 3.10 The **Age Ranking List** will be compiled based on the Age Point Aggregate for each athlete.
- 3.11 Where an athlete has no Age Point Aggregate, they will be taken to be included on the Age Ranking List with an Age Point Aggregate of zero.
- 3.12 An athlete's Australian Ranking in an age category will be their ranking on the Age Ranking List for the relevant age category.

4. Definitions

AFC Events means the Australian Fencing Circuit events as published by the AFF from time to time and includes the Australian National Championships.

AFF means the Australian Fencing Federation Ltd.

Age Point Aggregate means the age point aggregates as determined by this Policy.

Age Ranking List means the Age Ranking List to be maintained in accordance with this Policy.

Australian Ranking means an athlete's ranking on the relevant Age Ranking List as determined by this Policy.

Australian Ranking Points means the number of points an athlete holds in the relevant Age Ranking List.

Board means the board of directors of the AFF.

Cadet means the 'Cadet' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

Constitution means the constitution of the AFF (as amended from time to time).

FIE means the Federation Internationale d'Esgrime.

Junior means the 'Junior' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

Senior means the 'Senior' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

U15 means the Under-15 age category. In order to be eligible for this age category an athlete must be under the age of 15 years as at [date] of the relevant year.

U23 means the Under-23 age category. In order to be eligible for this age category an athlete must be under the age of 23 years as at [date] of the relevant year.

Veteran means the 'Veteran' age categories as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

Oceania Event – any of the following events, but only when held outside Australia:

- (a) Oceania Open Championships;
- (b) Oceania Under-23 Championships;
- (c) Oceania Junior Championships;
- (d) Oceania Cadet Championships;
- (e) Oceania Under-15 Championships; and
- (f) Oceania Veteran Championships.

Appendix A

[insert competition points tables]

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